

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES—DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH

SYSTEM LEADERSHIP TEAM (SLT) MEETING

Tuesday, March 25, 2014 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM

550 Vermont, 9th Floor Conference Room, Los Angeles, CA 90020

REASONS FOR MEETING

1. To deliberate and approve the recommended budget and associated programs and services for the MHSA Three-Year Program and Expenditure Plan.
 2. To formalize agreements that made consensus possible and/or any unresolved divergences.
 3. To be clear about next steps.
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ACTION NOTES

I. Conflict of Interest (COI) Policy

A. Definition:

1. COI policy promotes transparency in decision-making processes, particularly decisions involving public funds.
2. In general, COI occurs when individuals and/or organizations stand to gain materially from their participation in decisions involving public funds.
3. The COI policy extends to individuals who sit on the Board of Directors of organizations that might benefit from public funds.

B. Applying COI Policy:

1. Consistent with prior MHSA planning processes, COI policy did not apply to the following:
 - a. To ad hoc committee participation, where ideas are being developed but not finalized;
 - b. To new programs for which a solicitation process will occur.
2. The COI policy was applied to the following situations:
 - a. For existing programs slated for expansion through a contract amendment: individuals and organizations were not allowed to vote or participate in the discussion influencing that program budget.
 - b. For existing programs slated for expansion through a new solicitation: individuals and organizations that might be applying for funds were not allowed to vote or participate in the discussion influencing that program budget.

C. Method:

1. Each SLT member filled out a form where they checked off program budgets where they had a COI and turned these in before final discussions and voting occurred.
2. Before a vote on a program budget, the facilitator asked if anyone had a COI and SLT members identified themselves. If a member had a COI, they did not vote on the item.

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3. The names of people with COI were noted for each vote.

II. Age-Group Proposed Budgets and Associated Programs

- A. Each age group broke into small groups to prioritize and budget their key strategies.
- B. Age group leads will submit budget allocations to Debbie Innes-Gomberg.

III. Consensus on Age Group Recommendations

- A. Used a consent calendar approach. By age group, pulled out items individuals needed further discussion on and voted on the uncontested items.
- B. The group pulled out the following items:
 1. TAY Housing Proposal
 2. Older Adult Budget—group wanted to consider adding items to budget.
 3. Psychiatrist item
- C. Proposal 1: Do you endorse the adult proposed budgets and priorities?
 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis, Ruth Holman, Mariko Kahn.
 2. Vote: 10 Yes, 3 abstain.
 3. Result: Adult budget passes.
- D. Proposal 2: Do you endorse the TAY proposed budgets and priorities with the exception of Item 2: TAY Housing Proposal?
 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis, Ruth Holman, Mariko Kahn
 2. Vote: 11 yes, 2 abstain
 3. Result: TAY Budget passes with the exception of the TAY Housing Proposal.
- E. Proposal 3: Do you endorse the Children's budget with the exception of item 9, the housing proposal?
 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis, Ruth Holman, Mariko Kahn
 2. Vote: 10 people yes, 2 abstain
 3. Result: Children's budget with the exception of the housing proposal passes.
- F. Proposal 4: Include the housing proposals with each of the age group.
 1. Conflict of Interest Jim Preis
 2. Vote: 11 agree to include, 1 block
- G. Since the housing proposal was blocked the following amendment was proposed: To move the money that was designated for housing programs be moved to FSP for TAY and FCCS for Children.
 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis
 2. Vote: 1 agree, 6 disagree, 3 block
- H. The group agreed to a majority vote on each of the following items:
 - I. Proposal: How many people would support the housing proposal
 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis
 2. Vote: 9 support, 1 against

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- J. Proposal: How many people would support moving TAY housing money to FSP?
 - 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis, Mariko Kahn
 - 2. Vote: 1 support, 8 against, 1 abstention
- K. Proposal: How many would support the Child housing program allocation?
 - 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis, Mariko Kahn
 - 2. Vote: 8 support, 1 against, 1 abstention
- L. Proposal: How many would support moving the Child housing program allocation into FCCS?
 - 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis, Mariko Kahn
 - 2. Vote: 1 Support, 8 against, 1 abstention
- M. Proposal: Does the group endorse the 4 items already listed in the Older Adult budget?
 - 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis, Ruth Holman
 - 2. Vote: 10 support, 0 against
- N. The group discussed the importance of building the capacity of older adults. The work group specifically wanted to address the core needs for the older adults given the limited resources. As such, they focused on increasing their capacity in FSP and FCCS.
- O. The OA workgroup felt Promotores was an outreach and engagement strategy. Other SLT members agreed and noted that it did not make sense to outreach if OA did not have services they could offer potential new clients. They group felt the needs could be addressed via service extenders or by training the Adult Promotores workers to do outreach for OA.
- P. THE OA group also discussed the fact that it did not make sense to support the Psychiatrist line item since there were no older adults to be served.
- Q. SLT members proposed moving wellness onto the OA budget list.
- R. Proposal: How many people would block wellness from being added to the Older Adult budget
 - 1. Conflict of Interest: Ruth Holman and Jim Preis
 - 2. Vote: 7 block, 3 for adding.
 - 3. Result: Wellness was not added to the list.
- S. Proposal: How many people would block Promotores from being added to the OA budget list?
 - 1. Conflict of Interest: None
 - 2. Vote: 5 block, 4 for adding, 1 abstention.
- T. Alternative Proposal: The Adult Promotores would be trained to outreach to Older Adults.
 - 1. Conflict of Interest: None
 - 2. Vote: 7 support, 3 abstentions.

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- U. Proposal: To add 78k in Year 1, 229k, in Year 2, and 420k in year 3 to maintain current levels of OA housing. The OA work group would be charged with bringing the budgets into alignment.
 - 1. Conflict of Interest: Jim Preis, Ruth Holman
 - 2. Vote: 9 support, 0 against
- V. Final agreed upon proposals are reflected in the age group summary documents.